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SCHOOL BOARDS HIRE RELATIVES

It can hardly be classed as a crying need, the proposed measure forbidding members of the school board from hiring members of their own family for teachers, but that much evil has come from the practice can not be denied. The matter of competency has been frequently lost sight of in the attachment of kinship.

There can be no doubt that in so far as possible the difficulty ought to be eliminated, the welfare of the school being of paramount importance. While it may be and often is a right to employ those who live in the district and have been pupils in the school, and while it is very convenient yet the fact remains that a young man or woman is much more likely to succeed and do the best for himself or herself, if he goes to a school where he is not so well known.

The embodiment of the provision in the statutes will make some interesting interviews likely when members go home, since it approaches dangerously near to intermarriage in domestic affairs.

After the stormy scenes of the assembly and the stern clash of fierce oratory, perhaps members will not find the cry, if slightly apocryphal, words of the charming schoolmarm distasteful.

THE MILK IN THE COCOANUT.

There may have been method in the madness of the senate in killing the Niblick bill. Guthrie has elected as many sons to office in the past, that it was doubtless felt that responsibility for her dark brown taste is strictly her own—Oklahoman.

But the Oklahomaan forgets that Republican ringsters and the negroism on Guthrie. The Republican majority in the senate in killing the bill merely ignored the wishes of the white people of Guthrie, and did the bidding of the corporation that desire to control local franchises through the agency of the black vote.

A NATION OF DEPENDENTS.

(McClure's Magazine)
But the transformation strikes deeper than mere economic conditions, or the natural laws that govern monopoly and competition. The transformation of the ownership of a country's industrial property, from its people generally to a few of its people only, teaches the bad-temper of social and moral forces on which, alone, the whole structure of Republican institutions rests, for under such conditions instead of depending each on himself and his own intelligence chiefly for success, the great bulk of our people, increasingly, will become dependents upon others. Those who possess in vestible means will come to rely solely upon the great financial institutions, and those who possess nothing but capacity for labor, upon the great organizations of labor. That is paternalism; paternalism in almost its final form; the paternalism that will eventually divide the country into two hostile camps, the camp of those who have, and the camp of those who have not; the paternalism that speeds its descends into actual state socialism, or a tyrannical citizenship as nerveless and squid as state socialism.

Oklahoma is short on stretch, and not statement.

Either an old skate or a new one will slip on the ice now.

"How old is Ann?" is clearly followed by "Who is Dick?"

Is Oklahoma a bill heard for senators to pass a little advertising on?

Missouri Republicans can't start success. It's too rich for their blood.

The czar and the mysterious stranger certainly have the bill heard just now.

"Gee whizz!" said the wind as it went down over the rocky edges of the mercury.

It seems to get a little hard on the capital knockers of our southern suburb that Guthrie sat squarely down on negro officialism. They seemed to rely on that as their main asset.

A BROOM FACTORY.

Mr. W. R. Malthrop was in the city recently looking up the matter of putting in a broom factory. He is of the opinion that Guthrie is the best point in the territory for his business both in means of getting the broom corn and finding a market for his brooms.

He would begin work with from five to eight men and enlarge rapidly as the large field before him would certainly compel him to do.

This would mean for this city an increase in employment and would in time become a great industry. It would mean an income for the city of from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per year, to say nothing of furnishing a local market for the farmers.

The enterprise commences itself to the Commercial club and the people generally and Mr. Malthrop will receive every consideration that an appreciative public can give.

ONLY CLEVELAND.

With most of the towns of Oklahoma just dying for oil wells it does seem a little odd that Cleveland should be controlled to legislate against their intrusion into the town and establish a fire limit to keep the much-sought-for boom from completely overrunning the town.

The fact, however, is highly complimentary to Cleveland and reveals its position as one of the foremost oil producing districts in the country.

Oklahoma has great interest in the growth of the coming big oil city of the Southwest and Guthrie is happy in being closely connected by a direct line of railroad and extends its congratulations to its fortunate young neighbor with the assurance of highest regard.

The legislation desired for the protection and prosperity of Cleveland and the oil industry will no doubt receive the careful attention from the assembly which its importance demands.

The situation in Cleveland is so dangerous that insurance companies are refusing to make risks and the relief asked by the delegation is therefore urgent.

Notwithstanding Cleveland's need there are other towns in Oklahoma that think they need oil—oil in the streets, oil anywhere, truly as much as Cleveland needs protection from its dangerous intrusion.

If members of this assembly wish to do a commendable act they can grant the requests of Cleveland but, if they want to immortalize themselves, they can do so by telling the other towns where to bore.

Chen coal and red hot stoves are more crying needs just now than the hot tamale man.

What is the matter with the legislature passing a law prohibiting the naturalization of the Texas oil well chit?

A Republican majority in the Missouri legislature is certainly playing the role of a mysterious stranger to a finish.

A trembling Irishman was assured by the sheriff that he would get justice, but he responded that that was what he feared. Oklahoma City state-aid knockers can be assured of the same.

In these days when all Oklahoma outside of Oklahoma City is making a strong united pull for immediate statehood by dropping out all minor or local considerations, it would be just as well if the punch-bag capital knockers of Oklahoma City took a little sedative to quiet their nerves.

When a statehood bill is up for consideration at Washington the first thing the jealous schemers of Oklahoma City do is to send a lobby to Washington to load it down with amendments enough to kill it. The root of the whole trouble about statehood is the dissension sown by Oklahoma City knockers.

Of course a big Republican majority in the assembly can knock out a bill

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relating to the election of councilmen at large, but they can not prevent cities affected from electing Democrats to office, nor prevent members of their own party who don't like their medicine from bolting the ticket while they maintain that attitude.

Amendmentphobia is a nervous disease originating from malarial miasma, canalicular capiteum inhibited from aqueous inundations. The chief symptom is superabundant frothing and the virus is only dangerous when hypodermically injected into the bills of aspirants for statehood.

Guthrie has a lobby at Washington endeavoring to get an amendment to the statehood bill reinstating the majority vote clause in the capital location feature. This is a deliberate attempt on the part of Guthrie to kill the bill by offering amendments—Oklahoman.

Punch, brother, punch with care, for you are punching in the presence of the passenger. Reinstating! Indeed! Who fathered the amendment? Who is afraid of the will of the majority?

ANTI-FUSION REDIVIVOUS

(Continued from page 1.)

Chapter 25 of the session laws of 1903. Criminal Jurisprudence.

House bill No. 142, by Logan, an act regulating the payment of public officers.

Criminal Jurisprudence.

House Bill No. 143, by Bone, by request, an act governing the election of county commissioners.

County and township organizations.

House bill No. 144, by Ferris, an act relating to insects and diseases which are injurious to growing crops, etc.

Agriculture.

Council Bills on Second Reading.

No. 1. By Threlkild—An act relating to the bribery of certain public officers and providing a penalty therefor.

Judiciary.

No. 7. By Winkler—An act amending section 215, article 10, chapter 18 of the revised statutes of 1903.

Private corporations.

No. 12. By Alexander—An act to provide fees to be paid witnesses in certain criminal cases.

Judiciary.

Yesterday Afternoon Session.

Following the discussion yesterday on the quarantine bill in the house, Mr. Lydick offered an amendment that two townships in Cleveland county follow the line, saying the people of those townships do not want above the line and stating the line, as he desired, would then be six miles south of its present location; he made the statement that if the line be left along the South Canadian river that cattle would cross it anyhow, as they do now, and

that the line could be better protected when he desired it placed.

Baillinger supported Lydick, saying it was local with the people of those townships and the rest of the territory should not interfere.

Mr. Maxwell seconded the Lydick amendment, saying Dr. Allen, the federal inspector, had told him the line could be better protected if not on the river.

Mr. Lydick said the quarantine line in Cleveland county had always been a fence and that he could inspect in forty-eight hours three more cattle than had ever been inspected at Pickett and Lexington.

Mr. Walker insisted inspectors need told him the line should be along the river, and he insisted on the original bill.

Mr. Taylor supported Lydick because it was purely a local matter.

Lydick's amendment finally carried by almost a unanimous vote.

Ferris' Amendment.

Mr. Ferris stated that as now located the line cuts Comanche county in two about six miles south of Lawton, thus injuring Lawton as a cattle market, and stated he is opposed to the line remaining in this condition. Mr. Lydick supported him in the matter stating it to be another local question with the people of Comanche county.

Mr. Baillinger then moved that the bill be made special orders for next Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and on a second by Bryan the motion carried; a satisfactory bill will be arranged in the meantime.

Fuller's Probate Judge Bill.

The quarantine bill going over, the probate judge bill, by Fuller, Oklahoma county, was again taken.

Mr. Logan believed the bill gave the judges too many fees and moved to cut out certain lines which provides for the fees. Mr. Fuller believed such action unnecessary as the provisions were placed in the bill to add the smaller counties in maintaining the office property. Mr. Ross and Mr. Bryan favored Logan in the matter and the amendment carried.

Mr. Ferris moved to strike out the lines giving the judge additional clerk hire and made a strong speech in support of his motion, saying the bill gave the judge himself \$500 additional salary and his clerk \$350 additional.

These figures Mr. Ferris disapproved.

Both Mr. Bryan and Mr. Fuller talked against the Ferris amendment, stating that in the larger counties additional clerk hire would be necessary under the pending bill which gives the probate judges so many additional salaries.

Mr. Levy of Logan, supported Fuller, stating that in this county the additional clerk hire would be necessary under this bill.

Mr. Bryan explained that the lines, referred to by Ferris, do not make the hiring of additional clerks compulsory, simply optional when necessary.

Mr. Maxwell said two years ago a bill was passed increasing the salaries of probate judges; therefore he favored the Ferris amendment, saying whenever an opportunity to employ more clerks is given, all officials as a rule take advantage of it.

Mr. Fuller stated the additional clerk hire is needed in Oklahoma county; under the present law the clerk receives but \$400 per annum, and it is necessary for the judge to pay the clerk an additional \$400. He said he was not afraid to leave the matter with the commissioners of his county, for it always lies with them under his measure to decide whether the additional clerks shall be employed.

On a vote, however, the Ferris amendment carried, 10 to 5.

Baillinger Finds Fault.

Mr. Baillinger and Mr. Noffsinger found fault with the bill because it failed to state where the 35 per day for probate court stenographers is to come from. They stated the employment of stenographers would mean \$3,500 per year if this bill passed and must be stood by the counties. They favored the bill but desired to have

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"What were they?"

"Well, the first indications were a stiffness about the knee joints that came on about four years ago. A few months after that appeared, my walk got to be uncertain, shaky like. I lost confidence in my power to control the movements of my legs when I was on my feet. Once, when I was in the cellar, I started to pick up two sentences of coal, and my legs gave way suddenly, and I tumbled all in a heap in a basket. Another time I came down in the same way in the parlor. I couldn't close my eyes and keep my balance to save my life. Then I had fearful pains over my whole body and I lost control over my kidneys and my bowels."

"How about your general health?"

"Sometimes I was so weak that I had to keep my bed for a couple of weeks at a time, and my weight fell off twenty pounds. In the midst of my other troubles I had the grip, and after that things looked pretty bad for me until I ran across a young man who had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and who advised me to try them."

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"Do you regard yourself as entirely well now?"

"I do the work of a well man at any rate. I can close my eyes and stand up all right and move about the same as other men. My bowels and kidneys are under perfect control. The pains are all gone except an occasional twinge in the calves of my legs. I have scarcely any other reminders of my old affliction."

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this part remedied. Mr. Lydick spoke about the same line, as did also Mr. Bryan and Mr. Maxwell. Mr. Fuller agreed that this section should be remedied. Mr. Lydick then moved an amendment, which carried, providing that stenographer's fees shall be \$2 per day and shall be paid by the losing

defendant in such cases as testimony is taken, and that in no case shall the fees be paid by the county.

The bill was then recommended for passage; the committee of the whole arose and the Fuller bill was ordered engrossed for final passage. Mr. Fuller "bucked" a long time on his bill and finally scored a good victory.

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